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In the aftermath of the Rosenberg case there is still a deluge of articles in the European press stating they were convicted on insufficient evidence. Some of these articles assert that the issue of Semitism was the deciding factor in their death sentence. Such statements as have been made over a period of several months by the U. S. Government have been inefficacious and amateurish.

I went to see Ailsa at the Ritz before lunch today.

I lunched with E. at the Crémaillère, the first time I have been there for years. It was thronged with visiting Americans -- the food was excellent and [redacted] expensive.

André de Staercke came to see me this afternoon to tell me what had occurred [redacted] at the meeting of Foreign Ministers yesterday. Nothing much was accomplished but they did agree to convene again on August 7 at Baden Baden to map out future procedures for consideration of the European Political Community treaty text. It appears also that the French representative, Georges Bidault, was advised by the others that at the forthcoming conference at Bermuda, now set for July 8, the French Foreign Minister would not be authorized to make any representation of the attitudes of the other European Governments on matters [redacted] presented there.

Mademoiselle Yolande du Luart, whom the Norwegian Ambassador Andvord had asked me to receive, appeared this afternoon. She is responsible for an organization which operates in the trade union, and generally in the social, field. Its members are known as Externists. She is an [redacted] interesting girl of 22 who has been devoting herself to this kind of work for ~~the last year and a half.~~ The idea is to make an appeal to French youth, founded on a spirit of activism, to counter Communist ideologies. She is highly educated, her English [redacted] perfect;

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and she is a fanatic for this cause. By levying on friends, industrialists, and a few private individuals, she is sustaining this movement with its monthly publication, pamphlets, lectures to factory workers and other enterprises by an expenditure of the equivalent of about $1,000 a month. She has recently tried to obtain assistance from American labor unions. I was greatly struck by her eloquence and her evident devotion to what she considers the importance of her work. I know her grandfather, the Duke of Bisaccia, and her mother, Madame du Luart, who, although they apparently disapprove of her activities, have allowed her to continue them and in fact have established her in an apartment and helped her publications financially.

John Schapiro, President of the Laurel race track in Maryland, called to see me with a letter of introduction from Jim Bruce. He is here to interest French race horse owners in an international race to be run at Laurel in the autumn of this year for a purse of $50,000. I have known his father for many years. He started in Baltimore as a dealer in scrap iron and has since made a [redacted] large fortune in a variety of businesses.

About 7:30 we went to see Mrs. Audrey Duncan at her apartment on Avenue Foch. She is [redacted] an attractive woman who [redacted] recently had an enormous success with her first exhibition of pictures, most of them still-lifes. Her salon is one of the finest rooms I have ever seen, with a remarkable collection of Venetian furniture and objets d'art. She said [redacted] she had visited Venice, with her mother, at the age of 17 -- I would guess she is now almost 50 -- and had persuaded her mother to buy this room and ~~its contents.~~ We saw the few pictures which [redacted] remained unsold at her exhibition and bought three of them.

We had dinner tonight with the Pattens on Rue Nebet. Marietta and Ronnie Tree, Duff Cooper, and the Joyces were the other guests.

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